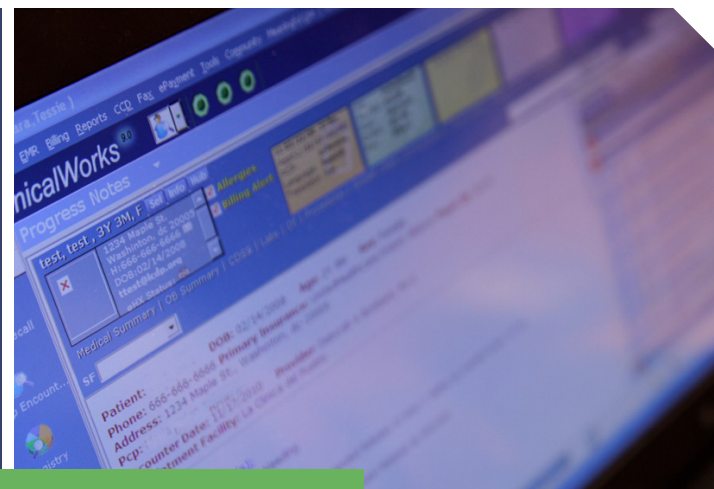




## Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

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### DIVISION OF POLICY AND DATA



The Division of Policy and Data (DPD) is located in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB). DPD serves as HAB's focal point for program data collection and evaluation, coordination of program and clinical performance activities, development of policy guidance, coordination of technical assistance activities, and analyses of data for reports for dissemination. DPD advises HAB's associate administrator and collaborates with division directors to develop policy proposals to support HAB's mission. The division also coordinates and develops efforts with other HHS components and all HRSA bureaus and offices, including the HRSA Office of Planning, Analysis, and Evaluation, in the preparation of HIV/AIDS-related program policies.

The three branches within DPD have distinct roles that support HAB programs:

- ▶ The Policy Development Branch coordinates HAB's policy planning and development efforts, provides policy interpretation guidance, supports policy implementation, and provides assistance assessing strategies for stakeholder engagement.
- ▶ The Data Management and Analysis Branch manages and coordinates all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program data collection, cleaning, and analysis activities and requests for data usage. It also provides guidance to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program grantees on data and quality collection activities.
- ▶ The Program/Clinical Evaluation and Technical Assistance Branch conducts analyses and health services research to evaluate the delivery of service and to inform public health policy, conducts and guides the development of quality efforts, including training, and oversees the development and delivery of technical assistance across HAB for all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program grantees.

#### POLICY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH ////////////////

The Policy Development Branch coordinates the planning and development of program policies and provides advice in the

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planning and development of program evaluation proposals, including the development, clearance, and dissemination of regulations, guidelines, and operating procedures. It also provides Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program policy interpretation and guidance to HHS, HRSA, HAB, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program grantees, and other government and private organizations and institutions. Branch staff develops and coordinates activities pertaining to policy and generates position papers to ensure the fullest possible consideration of programmatic requirements that meet HHS and HRSA goals, policies and procedures, and federal statutes. Its work includes the following activities:

- ▶ Monitoring and analyzing HIV/AIDS-related policy development, both within and outside HHS, for potential impact on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, and development of recommendations for HAB's response.

## The Division of Policy and Data

### Policy Development Branch

### Data Management and Analysis Branch

### Program/Clinical Evaluation and Technical Assistance Branch

- ▶ Coordinating HAB responses to all Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Office of Inspector General (OIG) studies.
- ▶ Coordinating the implementation of key activities and programs with national policy scope across the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, HAB and HRSA, including the Affordable Care Act (ACA), National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) and HIV Continuum of Care Initiative.
- ▶ Serving as HAB's liaison to and coordinating with HRSA's Office of Planning, Analysis, and Evaluation, governmental and stakeholder advisory groups, and other appropriate offices on legislative matters and to respond to and prepare HIV/AIDS-related program policies.
- ▶ Responding to and commenting on HIV/AIDS-related reports, policy and position papers, guidance documents, correspondence, and related issues.
- ▶ Preparing and providing input on reports related to legislative areas and programs, such as the Minority AIDS Initiative grants.

### DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS BRANCH

The Data Management and Analysis Branch collects, compiles, analyzes and disseminates statistics internally and externally on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program condition and progress. This branch works with HRSA and HAB staff to ensure Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and client data are widely disseminated and publicly available. Branch staff determines the methodology by which the Bureau and program grantees may accurately measure public health indicators supporting the NHAS and addressing the measures on the HIV Care Continuum. The branch also assists Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program grantees to improve and automate statistical and data collection activities. Its work includes the following activities:

- ▶ Providing guidance to grantees in the development of longitudinal data systems and related data collection/data quality issues.
- ▶ Compiling data from Minority AIDS Initiative grants.
- ▶ Calculating the formula awards for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A, B, and F Minority AIDS Initiative grants.
- ▶ Conducting data cleaning activities that document the clients served and services funded by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.
- ▶ Conducting analysis on Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program that supports using a public health approach to decision-making for statutory programs and to determine the impact of the ACA, the HIV Care Continuum, and the NHAS.

### PROGRAM/CLINICAL EVALUATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH

The Program/Clinical Evaluation and Technical Assistance Branch plans, coordinates, and administers the Bureau's annual program evaluation strategy and provides national coordination, guidance, expertise on technical assistance and training, and clinical program performance improvement. To support this, it designs and implements special scientific studies on Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program impact and outcomes, and it coordinates and conducts quality initiatives. Branch work includes the following activities:

- ▶ Designing, conducting, and administering health services research to evaluate grantee delivery of services to clients.
- ▶ Coordinating and synthesizing data on the impact of the ACA on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.
- ▶ Designing and implementing studies and analyzing trends in health care to determine if the Bureau's activities address HIV/AIDS issues in an effective, efficient manner.
- ▶ Providing guidance in the development and implementation of quality performance measures and initiatives.
- ▶ Coordinating, designing, and administering HIV/AIDS-related training, including clinical topics and technical assistance activities to support the work of program constituents.
- ▶ Developing, disseminating, and providing feedback on technical assistance tools and documents.
- ▶ Facilitating the process of reviewing and clearing Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program client-level data and ensuring it is publicly available.
- ▶ Facilitating expert meetings/consultations and training activities, both on-site and online.

